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Draft report

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Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission for Social Development held its fifty-third session at United Nations Headquarters on 21 February 2014 and from 4 to 13 February 2015. The Commission held 10 meetings (1st to 10th).

B. Attendance

2. The session was attended by representatives of [ ] States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-Member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. A list of participants is contained in document E/CN.5/2015/INF/1.

C. Election of officers

3. In its decision 2002/210, the Economic and Social Council decided that, immediately following the closure of a regular session, the Commission would hold the first meeting of its subsequent regular session for the sole purpose of electing the new Chair and other members of the Bureau.

4. At its 1st meeting, on 21 February 2014, pursuant to decision 2002/210, the Commission elected the following officers for the fifty-third and fifty-fourth sessions by acclamation:

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Chair:
Simona Mirela Miculescu (Romania)

Vice-Chairs:
Janina Hasse-Mohsine (Germany)
Amina Smaila (Nigeria)
Ana Peña (Peru)

5. At its 2nd meeting, on 4 February 2015, the Commission elected, by acclamation, Do Hung Viet (Viet Nam) as Vice-Chair of the fifty-third session of the Commission, to fill the vacancy from Asia-Pacific States.

6. At the same meeting, the Commission elected Walter Ronnie Habich Morales (Peru) to replace Ana Peña (Peru) as Vice-Chair of the fifty-third session of the Commission, in the light of the latter's resignation.

7. Also at its 2nd meeting, the Commission designated the Vice-Chair of the Commission, Do Hung Viet (Viet Nam), as Rapporteur of the fifty-third session.

D. Agenda and organization of work

8. At its 2nd meeting, on 4 February 2015, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda contained in document E/CN.5/2015/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly:
   (a) Priority theme: rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world;
   (b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups:
      (i) World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons;
      (ii) Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities;
      (iii) World Programme of Action for Youth;
      (iv) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002;
      (v) Family issues, policies and programmes;
   (c) Emerging issues: contributions of social development to the transition from the Millennium Development Goals to the sustainable development goals.
4. Programme questions and other matters:
   (a) Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2016-2017;
   (b) United Nations Research Institute for Social Development.

5. Provisional agenda for the fifty-fourth session of the Commission.

6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-third session.

9. At the same meeting, the Commission approved its organization of work, as set out in annex I to document E/CN.5/2015/1, as orally revised.

E. Documentation

10. The list of documents before the Commission at its fifty-third session is contained in annex [ ] to the present report.